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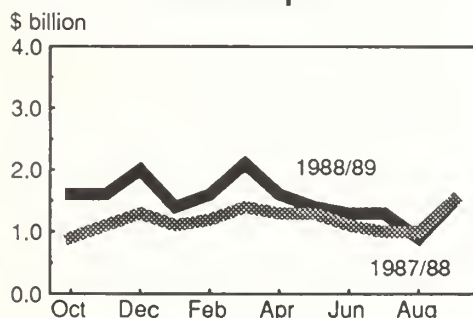
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Surplus



September Agricultural Trade Surplus Up Sharply

The September agricultural trade surplus was up sharply to \$1.4 billion--the first monthly increase since March. September exports of \$3.0 billion were \$244 million above the previous month. Imports were down significantly to less than \$1.6 billion. The cumulative trade surplus for fiscal 1989 was \$18.2 billion, \$3.8 billion ahead of last year and the largest since fiscal 1984.

Exports Reverse Trend - Rise in September

U.S. agricultural exports in September reversed a downward trend in recent months. Increases in wheat, feed grains, live animals, rice, fruits and vegetables, vegetable oils, and tobacco offset slight declines in meat, animal feeds, soybeans, and cattle hides.

Fiscal 1989 Exports Reach \$39.7 Billion

U.S. agricultural exports in fiscal 1989 of \$39.7 billion were up 12 percent from the previous year. This is the highest export figure since the record \$43.8 billion in fiscal 1981. It also marks the third consecutive year-to-year increase since exports plunged to \$26.3 billion in fiscal 1986.

Wheat exports to China remained high in September at 843,000 tons pushing overall wheat exports to 4.1 million tons for the month. Japan (359,000 tons), Egypt (338,000), Pakistan (276,000), Iraq (226,000), and Algeria (214,000) were also major wheat markets in September. The average wheat export price of \$161 a ton was up \$3 in September. Fiscal 1989 wheat exports totaled 37.7 million tons with 8.2 million tons going to China and 5.1 million to the Soviet Union.

Corn exports were 2.9 million tons in September, up 175,000 tons from the previous month. Approximately 40 percent of all U.S. corn shipments in September went to Japan. The remaining went primarily to Mexico (378,000 tons), Taiwan (360,000), and Korea (217,000). Average corn export prices fell another \$6 a ton in September to \$107. Fiscal 1989 corn exports of 50.7 million tons were 15 percent above a year ago, and the highest annual total since fiscal 1981. Shipments to the Soviet Union came to 15.6 million tons.

Soybean shipments of 486,000 tons in September were down 2 percent from the previous month. Taiwan (156,000 tons), Japan (109,000), and Mexico (94,000) were the largest markets. Soybean export prices also fell in September, averaging \$245 a ton compared with \$265 the previous month. Total soybean exports of 14.1 million tons in fiscal 1989 were lowest since 1975.

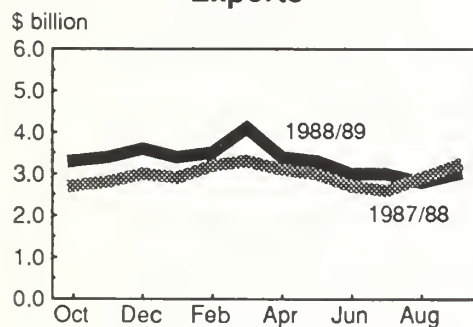
Cotton exports were 107,000 tons in September, down slightly from the previous month. It is unusual for cotton exports to be this high in the late summer. The major markets this month were Korea (21,000 tons), Japan (19,000), the EC (13,000), Egypt (11,000), and Indonesia (6,000). The average cotton export price rose 5 percent in September to \$1,578 a ton. Cotton exports for fiscal 1989 were 1.4 million tons or 6.6 million bales, the highest total in 5 years.

Agricultural Imports Down in September

U.S. agricultural imports fell \$258 million in September to \$1.6 billion. Coffee imports of \$212 million were down 10 percent, primarily due to lower prices. Sugar imports of \$35 million were 63 percent below the previous month's figure of \$94 million. Other commodities that showed decreases during September were meat, fruits and vegetables, cocoa, vegetable oils, and live animals. Imports in fiscal 1989 were a record \$21.5 billion, \$465 million above the record set a year ago. Vegetables, grains, sugar, and rubber showed the largest increases for fiscal 1989. (Steve Milmoe, 202-786-1822)

EEP Sales Lower - Fiscal 1989 sales under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) of about \$2.8 billion were down about 15 percent from fiscal 1988. Sales of flour were up, but all other commodities were lower. The largest purchasers of wheat under the EEP in fiscal 1989 were China (6 million tons), the Soviet Union (5.7 million tons), Egypt (1.5 million tons), and Algeria (1 million tons). Egypt was the major flour buyer. Israel, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Tunisia all purchased barley under the EEP. (Karen Ackerman, 202-786-1821)

Exports



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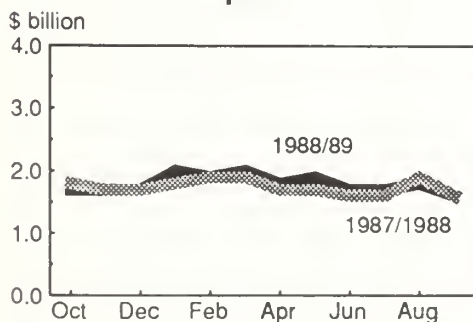


Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	35,378,678	39,651,042	--	--	3,172,719	3,011,071
Animals & animal products (NA)	--	--	6,057,150	6,541,936	--	--	660,859	544,400
Animals live - excl. poultry (NO)	--	--	452,073	474,707	--	--	81,167	65,675
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	253	249	166,995	152,104	48	8	29,309	5,945
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	27	38	257,979	252,352	3	4	42,794	55,299
Swine - live (NO)	34	172	8,580	21,182	12	2	1,290	896
Sheep - live (NO)	116	299	6,180	10,761	17	5	650	139
Other live animals (NO)	--	--	12,338	38,307	--	--	7,124	3,395
Meats & meat prods ex poultry (MT)	631	869	1,796,553	2,355,076	64	74	196,696	177,072
Beef & veal (MT)	223	350	1,008,764	1,420,685	24	30	120,200	100,937
Beef & veal-fresh or frozen (MT)	219	342	990,555	1,395,938	24	29	118,339	98,397
Beef - prep or preserved (MT)	4	8	18,209	24,747	0	1	1,861	2,540
Horsemeat-fresh, chill froz (MT)	50	58	99,083	127,689	4	6	8,791	13,112
Pork (MT)	57	85	228,166	304,962	5	8	18,099	27,387
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	50	72	210,069	275,255	4	7	16,356	25,214
Pork - prep or preserved (MT)	7	12	18,097	29,707	1	1	1,742	2,173
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	282	292	410,687	422,941	29	21	44,517	27,794
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	19	85	49,854	78,799	2	9	5,088	7,842
Poultry & poultry products (NA)	--	--	647,405	728,207	--	--	66,893	57,091
Poultry - live (NO)	44,292	44,413	83,267	79,989	3,816	4,071	7,737	7,111
Baby chicks (NO)	39,906	35,879	76,440	68,871	3,331	2,676	6,984	5,474
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	6,827	11,118	--	--	754	1,637
Poultry meats (MT)	390	466	424,346	514,219	36	36	45,007	38,332
Chicken - fresh or frozen (MT)	343	423	365,644	453,160	31	33	38,111	32,725
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	25	19	24,712	23,664	2	1	2,439	1,998
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	15	13	16,179	16,436	1	1	1,268	1,204
Poultry meat - prep or pres (MT)	8	11	17,811	20,958	1	1	3,189	2,407
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	29,891	33,031	0	0	1,442	2,205
Eggs and products (NA)	--	--	109,901	100,968	--	--	12,706	9,443
Dairy products (MT)	388	594	535,503	474,728	44	55	82,514	42,056
Evaporated & condensed milk (MT)	3	14	3,529	20,775	1	1	1,361	245
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	240	147	228,775	145,295	24	12	27,233	11,024
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	10	18	10,745	31,877	3	3	2,744	6,471
Cheese (MT)	25	13	46,096	29,231	4	1	5,986	2,281
Whey, fluid or dried (MT)	--	--	32,297	47,321	--	--	3,229	2,830
Other dairy products (MT)	--	--	214,062	200,228	--	--	41,962	19,205
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,362	1,377	544,632	530,775	150	156	64,010	54,705
Lard (MT)	55	61	26,738	29,508	6	4	2,998	1,667
Tallow - inedible (MT)	1,189	1,096	456,736	405,857	128	127	53,526	43,908
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	118	219	61,159	95,410	16	25	7,486	9,129
Hides & skins, including furs (NA)	--	--	1,836,780	1,712,990	--	--	144,199	127,448
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	20,817	26,260	1,458,369	1,360,116	2,149	2,056	125,652	101,483
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	22,911	35,855	--	--	1,846	4,561
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	144,985	170,383	--	--	10,619	14,748
Furskins (NA)	--	--	210,515	146,636	--	--	6,081	6,656
Mink pelts (NO)	2,455	3,073	88,099	90,928	110	170	3,472	4,370
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	122,417	55,708	--	--	2,609	2,286
Wool & mohair (MT)	7	7	41,382	39,969	1	1	3,614	3,208
Sausage casings (MT)	11	10	29,668	29,332	1	1	2,973	2,534
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	41,167	49,873	--	--	5,894	3,674
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	--	--	131,987	146,279	--	--	12,900	10,937
Grains and feeds (MT)	108,944	114,976	12,569,469	16,837,110	9,464	9,446	1,361,729	1,400,478
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	40,517	37,702	4,469,113	6,005,518	3,472	4,061	490,758	652,629
Wheat flour (MT)	1,236	1,268	170,422	266,487	48	177	9,526	41,280
Bulgur wheat (MT)	142	39	26,461	9,156	11	0	2,237	4
Other wheat products (MT)	14	12	9,151	10,804	1	2	743	1,314
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	2,173	3,052	731,384	954,840	175	273	61,822	91,640
Feed grains & products (MT)	53,117	61,094	5,193,075	7,378,605	4,710	4,058	597,945	443,708
Feed grains (MT)	52,853	60,686	5,116,194	7,249,290	4,698	4,011	592,400	429,680
Barley (MT)	2,810	1,728	226,373	212,141	191	175	23,090	18,894
Corn (MT)	43,955	50,744	4,323,844	6,107,994	3,829	2,888	486,493	309,951
Grain sorghums (MT)	6,073	8,096	564,463	916,203	677	941	82,690	100,084
Oats (MT)	7	11	822	1,478	0	2	36	249
Rye (MT)	8	106	693	11,474	1	5	91	502
Feed grain products (MT)	264	408	76,880	129,315	12	47	5,545	14,028
Popcorn (MT)	68	70	34,235	40,127	6	6	3,375	3,020
Blended food products (MT)	195	225	55,676	66,256	14	19	4,806	4,702
Other grain products (MT)	227	442	159,734	257,301	20	41	16,491	23,959
Feeds & fodders, ex. oilcake (MT)	11,255	11,071	1,720,219	1,848,016	1,007	810	174,025	138,223
Corn by-products (MT)	6,070	5,337	845,956	786,908	631	385	95,317	55,638
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	668	548	91,410	80,865	57	36	8,418	5,418
Beet pulp (MT)	803	634	90,126	81,247	6	22	853	3,121
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	600	694	78,697	83,057	0	1	0	94
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,114	3,857	614,030	815,938	314	367	69,437	73,951
Fruits & preps, excl. juice (MT)	1,975	2,083	1,461,923	1,535,875	142	139	127,772	121,904
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,682	1,764	1,065,708	1,110,869	110	109	84,531	80,470
Fruits - fresh - citrus (MT)	965	1,012	531,385	561,871	35	34	23,228	23,335
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	462	481	224,194	234,489	6	9	2,842	4,823
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	144	142	99,444	101,054	8	8	9,663	7,722
Oranges & tangerines-fresh (MT)	350	385	199,818	223,526	10	17	10,320	10,755
Fruits - fresh - noncitrus (MT)	717	752	534,323	548,998	75	74	61,304	57,135
Apples - fresh (MT)	296	254	131,377	128,627	15	17	7,944	8,526
Grapes - fresh (MT)	117	136	117,620	129,565	28	27	24,387	24,951
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	304	362	285,327	290,806	32	31	28,972	23,658
Fruits - dried (MT)	165	163	263,835	262,045	17	17	29,345	27,656
Raisins - dried (MT)	96	95	149,721	149,987	10	11	17,950	16,204
Prunes - dried (MT)	59	58	95,081	94,079	6	6	9,171	10,011
Other dried fruits (MT)	9	10	19,033	17,980	1	1	2,224	1,441

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	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Fruits - canned - excl. juice (MT)	75	79	79,099	80,181	8	5	8,552	5,631
Fruits - frozen, excl. juice (MT)	29	32	28,256	30,925	4	3	3,438	2,894
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	24	45	25,025	51,854	2	4	1,906	5,253
Fruit juices, including frozen (HL)	5,497	4,997	252,161	264,452	443	424	21,428	23,203
Orange juice (HL)	2,473	2,702	114,861	133,406	198	224	9,920	11,026
Other fruit juices (HL)	3,024	2,295	137,299	131,046	245	200	11,508	12,177
Wine (HL)	59	586	78,565	88,262	8	65	10,094	8,247
Nuts and preparations (MT)	435	471	906,408	857,793	43	38	106,369	85,052
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	187	166	605,063	518,337	30	19	90,549	63,555
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	151	216	115,023	162,866	8	14	7,252	10,233
Walnuts, shelled or unshelled (MT)	73	67	114,185	105,169	4	3	3,725	6,132
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	2	4	7,492	10,794	0	1	797	1,851
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	22	18	64,645	60,627	1	1	4,047	3,281
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	1,821	2,482	1,280,487	1,545,702	144	188	105,997	118,120
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	644	710	310,642	341,054	45	31	19,143	13,515
Celery - fresh (MT)	55	63	17,887	20,196	2	2	844	881
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	18	28	10,495	16,512	1	1	354	500
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	180	160	57,874	50,647	9	6	3,048	2,208
Onions - fresh (MT)	105	92	28,021	25,160	17	9	4,652	2,257
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	35	118	13,240	44,258	2	3	565	1,157
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	77	79	49,779	50,483	6	4	3,905	2,015
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	175	171	133,345	133,798	8	5	5,775	4,497
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	240	273	170,956	204,807	21	20	16,539	15,134
Corn, sweet - frozen (MT)	50	54	36,154	40,660	4	5	3,157	3,603
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	134	161	91,868	108,840	13	11	9,532	7,290
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	56	58	42,933	55,306	5	5	3,850	4,241
Vegetables - canned (MT)	169	166	138,205	146,631	15	18	13,794	15,999
Pulses (MT)	502	504	208,135	268,661	38	41	18,995	18,187
Dried beans (MT)	330	339	152,689	206,446	20	21	12,680	10,919
Dried peas (MT)	134	118	40,931	38,243	13	13	4,255	4,224
Dried lentils (MT)	39	48	14,515	23,972	5	6	2,060	3,044
Hops, including hop extract (MT)	9	16	62,081	79,772	1	1	5,170	5,105
Other veg - prep or pres (MT)	--	--	390,468	504,777	--	--	32,356	50,180
Oilseeds and products (MT)	29,688	21,090	7,757,816	6,624,041	1,309	905	470,875	289,963
Oilcake and meal (MT)	6,389	4,816	1,500,838	1,316,533	399	179	115,062	38,614
Soybean meal (MT)	6,191	4,655	1,469,795	1,290,363	390	145	113,637	34,122
Other oilcakes and meals (MT)	198	162	31,044	26,170	9	34	1,424	4,492
Oilseeds (MT)	21,601	14,775	5,295,348	4,399,987	758	522	251,761	139,233
Soybeans (MT)	21,142	14,088	5,065,588	4,078,803	726	486	235,202	119,201
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	251	100	85,881	47,439	3	5	1,918	2,649
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	35	52	27,714	42,201	1	1	605	866
Other oilseeds (MT)	122	469	34,065	128,715	23	24	5,479	6,976
Protein substances (MT)	50	66	82,099	102,829	5	6	8,557	9,541
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,699	1,498	961,630	907,521	152	204	104,053	112,117
Soybean oil (MT)	850	754	436,813	404,369	83	120	52,627	58,729
Cottonseed oil (MT)	185	184	94,587	93,573	10	33	6,029	15,815
Sunflower oil (MT)	319	212	145,914	107,846	22	22	13,242	11,307
Corn oil (MT)	168	165	102,155	104,294	16	10	12,004	6,671
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	177	182	182,161	197,439	21	19	20,150	19,595
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	229	212	1,297,054	1,273,900	15	14	80,833	71,332
Tobacco - burley (MT)	46	50	299,639	343,083	3	1	18,051	6,574
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	130	110	813,557	722,561	8	8	49,216	49,692
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	52	52	183,858	208,256	4	5	13,566	15,066
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1,388	1,441	2,135,657	2,039,204	58	107	85,968	168,800
Cotton linters (MT)	39	51	14,454	19,681	4	4	1,436	1,450
Essential oils (MT)	9	13	120,043	171,367	1	1	10,125	14,466
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	286	514	414,694	500,123	13	72	26,231	42,946
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	842	874	735,325	713,774	50	96	72,943	65,053
Sugar & related products (MT)	728	728	205,168	282,485	39	85	18,178	32,392
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	318	368	98,226	134,314	29	51	10,252	19,980
Related sugar products (MT)	410	360	106,942	148,172	10	34	7,926	12,412
Coffee (MT)	12	17	78,243	86,330	1	1	5,926	6,489
Cocoa (MT)	7	9	14,323	24,035	1	1	1,869	2,957
Chocolate & preparations (MT)	31	50	110,918	154,117	4	6	13,871	14,933
Tea & mate' (MT)	3	6	17,150	26,825	0	1	1,049	3,332
Spices (MT)	9	9	26,796	26,327	1	1	2,705	1,901
Flavoring sirups & extracts (MT)	26	6	238,781	54,607	2	0	24,842	0
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	26	43	42,593	55,335	3	2	4,359	2,486
Other misc. veg. products (MT)	26	37	133,056	199,916	3	2	16,322	14,437
Nursery & greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	80,005	107,515	--	--	6,399	7,974
Beverages, excluding juices (HL)	--	--	84,409	330,389	--	--	7,338	33,247
Selected non-agric. exports (NA)	--	--	10,149,818	11,531,683	--	--	961,456	961,850
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,512,137	2,897,786	0	2	241,299	250,171
Fish and shellfish (MT)	601	654	2,209,426	2,274,382	62	54	207,503	170,981
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	350	394	1,493,196	1,386,263	34	37	150,018	104,096
Shellfish (MT)	70	111	469,678	577,675	4	11	23,963	41,428
Other fish products (MT)	181	149	246,553	310,444	25	7	33,522	25,457
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	284	263	1,649,425	1,378,056	26	16	160,762	87,151
Fungicides (MT)	38	28	222,032	160,195	3	2	21,743	10,144
Herbicides (MT)	164	136	900,048	704,666	16	8	96,003	40,835
Insecticides (MT)	57	66	382,242	293,461	4	4	28,641	17,348
Other pesticides (MT)	25	34	145,104	219,734	3	2	14,375	18,823
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,004,763	1,634,945	--	--	89,589	122,064
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	64	38	449,949	548,185	4	2	41,663	34,747
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	554,815	1,086,761	--	--	47,926	87,317
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	2,774,065	3,346,514	--	--	262,303	331,484

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

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	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	21,014,323	21,479,040	--	--	1,653,646	1,560,366
Noncompetitive agric. imports (NA)	--	--	6,473,063	6,238,458	--	--	495,084	478,510
Bananas and plantains (MT)	3,030	3,039	820,470	850,972	247	227	67,245	64,951
Coffee, including products (MT)	1,050	1,084	2,599,678	2,467,197	78	121	199,362	212,248
Cocoa and products (MT)	562	564	1,163,928	969,005	36	41	70,273	73,138
Tea and mate' (MT)	88	90	123,275	133,050	6	7	9,441	10,883
Spices (MT)	120	109	355,424	289,475	10	8	29,137	19,211
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	846	927	948,610	1,051,390	60	71	81,039	62,683
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	6,615	11,454	0	0	278	1,306
Wool, unmanufactured - carpet (MT)	13	16	47,187	57,055	1	1	3,763	3,153
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	45	90	25,087	42,326	3	9	2,201	4,098
Essential oils (MT)	12	16	141,525	137,850	1	2	11,658	9,474
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	49	50	222,526	222,707	4	2	19,615	17,234
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	18,737	5,978	--	--	1,071	131
Competitive agricult imports (NA)	--	--	14,541,260	15,240,582	--	--	1,158,562	1,081,856
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	5,233,211	4,887,783	--	--	374,300	353,327
Animals-live, excld. poultry (NO)	2,238	2,484	729,340	739,656	168	157	57,157	47,006
Cattle - live (NO)	1,437	1,188	598,795	572,102	57	52	41,245	35,021
Horses & mules - live (NO)	10	9	59,901	56,385	1	1	6,670	4,424
Swine - live(NO)	685	1,113	66,601	103,387	104	75	8,901	6,640
Sheep - live (NO)	35	144	2,751	7,014	4	29	263	921
Other live animals (NO)	71	30	1,292	768	2	0	77	0
Meats & prods exc. poultry (MT)	1,280	1,092	2,788,388	2,433,180	91	75	199,327	178,141
Beef and veal (MT)	779	668	1,680,560	1,526,562	55	47	122,852	112,491
Beef & veal-fresh/frozen (MT)	700	601	1,476,510	1,348,174	47	42	102,891	98,651
Beef & veal - prep or pres(MT)	79	67	204,050	178,388	8	5	19,961	13,840
Pork (MT)	456	371	1,000,863	778,070	33	24	68,520	56,391
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	296	239	515,619	399,231	21	15	34,238	27,890
Pork - prepared, preservd (MT)	160	133	485,244	378,839	12	9	34,282	28,500
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	20	20	39,648	42,004	1	1	2,567	2,849
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	20	19	37,736	41,288	1	1	2,133	2,849
Variety meats-fresh/frozen (MT)	10	12	12,952	20,107	1	1	963	1,697
Other meats - fresh or froz(MT)	4	4	19,020	23,341	0	0	1,133	953
Other meats & products (MT)	11	17	35,327	43,076	1	1	3,290	3,761
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	97,369	129,875	--	--	8,254	12,636
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	8,156	15,218	--	--	815	1,218
Poultry meat (MT)	3	4	12,482	14,404	0	0	849	1,421
Eggs (NA)	--	--	14,792	26,265	--	--	1,624	3,447
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	9	12	61,939	73,988	1	1	4,966	6,550
Dairy products (MT)	--	--	880,794	833,863	--	--	70,817	73,155
Milk & cream, fresh o/dried (MT)	15	15	14,530	15,642	1	1	560	786
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	1	2	1,841	3,570	0	0	141	140
Cheese (MT)	119	119	375,436	364,568	9	13	28,197	36,376
Casein & mixtures (MT)	97	75	296,013	351,148	6	7	24,219	31,480
Other dairy products (MT)	--	--	192,974	98,935	--	--	17,699	4,372
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	20	14	19,303	14,247	1	1	1,483	1,116
Hides & skins, incl furskins (NA)	--	--	247,085	240,945	--	--	15,134	16,439
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	6	7	41,790	39,291	0	1	2,028	4,033
Other hides & skins, ex fur (MT)	--	--	57,262	63,784	--	--	5,645	4,041
Furskins (NA)	--	--	148,034	137,870	--	--	7,461	8,365
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	43	46	244,752	262,319	1	1	4,788	7,228
Sausage casings (MT)	12	15	66,323	70,533	1	1	4,887	5,177
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	2,663	3,315	--	--	162	286
Misc animal products (NA)	--	--	157,193	159,851	--	--	12,291	12,143
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	3,075	3,468	867,909	1,138,931	237	279	82,374	98,187
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	411	294	51,811	50,753	49	21	6,727	3,215
Corn, unmilled (MT)	87	46	8,007	18,408	3	1	385	93
Oats, unmilled (MT)	745	1,191	86,457	155,735	30	101	4,924	10,417
Barley, unmilled (MT)	266	245	21,135	42,901	5	6	423	1,070
Rice (MT)	103	119	50,635	56,992	9	9	4,776	4,205
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	127	153	273,796	315,399	13	15	29,993	33,097
Pasta & noodles (MT)	105	126	83,324	108,166	8	10	6,118	9,276
Other grains & preps (MT)	--	--	133,125	172,337	--	--	13,275	15,798
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	1,035	1,013	159,619	218,241	104	87	15,754	21,016
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,625	1,865	1,012,981	1,085,299	73	70	49,542	50,529
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,185	1,335	658,770	679,168	39	30	21,595	19,397
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	47	41	35,366	34,728	1	1	608	1,297
Apples, fresh (MT)	119	116	50,685	48,383	3	3	1,299	1,337
Citrus, fresh (MT)	91	79	24,078	19,072	6	4	661	796
Grapes, fresh (MT)	307	281	254,876	217,843	12	3	2,108	836
Mangoes (MT)	35	52	28,797	42,110	2	1	1,546	767
Melons (MT)	340	484	85,591	127,188	0	0	2	39
Pineapples (MT)	80	94	28,089	39,467	6	8	2,616	3,426
Other fruits- fresh or froz (MT)	165	187	151,287	150,378	10	9	12,753	10,898
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	440	531	354,211	406,132	34	40	27,947	31,132
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	238	292	151,850	169,586	16	21	9,251	12,152
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	202	239	202,361	236,546	18	18	18,697	18,980
Orange juice (HL)	16,956	14,369	522,982	493,402	1,402	771	53,263	23,812
Other fruit juices (HL)	9,803	13,409	244,778	299,618	862	791	20,004	17,932
Nuts & preparations (MT)	141	131	335,650	332,548	13	12	32,798	33,344
Brazil nuts (MT)	10	6	13,006	16,825	1	1	1,366	2,783
Cashew nuts (MT)	40	46	219,351	209,929	4	5	22,485	21,924
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	7,208	8,819	0	0	128	271
Coconut meat (MT)	43	45	40,099	38,046	4	4	4,172	3,241
Filberts (MT)	2	2	7,047	6,258	0	0	116	10
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	2	11,091	21,960	0	0	1,340	2,337
Pistachio nuts (MT)	2	1	6,008	2,962	0	0	112	344
Other nuts (MT)	40	24	31,839	27,750	4	2	3,080	2,434

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Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity -- continued

Commodity and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987/88	1988/89	1987/88	1988/89	1988	1989	1988	1989
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	2,518	2,953	1,593,092	1,959,408	180	184	110,509	116,098
Vegetables - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,722	1,793	725,208	918,725	100	102	44,163	43,443
Tomatoes (MT)	376	366	164,448	212,151	26	20	10,794	7,020
Asparagus (MT)	15	15	19,836	18,123	1	1	722	1,005
Beans (MT)	13	23	10,610	20,447	0	1	152	573
Carrots (MT)	59	54	13,174	12,609	9	6	2,724	1,264
Cucumbers (MT)	214	193	48,996	79,511	1	1	611	633
Eggplant (MT)	18	17	9,270	8,573	0	0	1	1
Garlic (MT)	18	14	11,229	11,825	0	1	177	776
Lettuce (MT)	18	27	11,539	9,292	0	0	80	120
Onions (MT)	190	159	79,952	66,854	3	4	2,315	2,539
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	31	48	28,633	47,344	5	3	4,534	3,047
Peppers (MT)	129	133	73,034	103,022	4	4	2,389	2,977
Potatoes (MT)	225	260	44,975	72,005	21	24	4,560	5,303
Squash (MT)	62	75	32,038	34,511	1	1	184	244
Other veds - fresh or froz (MT)	354	411	177,471	222,459	29	36	14,918	17,940
Vegetables - prep or preserv (MT)	796	1,160	867,884	1,040,683	80	82	66,346	72,655
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	75	68	129,546	136,627	6	4	10,294	9,335
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	52	52	118,834	126,930	2	4	5,229	8,563
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	6	26,799	24,780	0	0	0	167
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	17	15	33,169	30,557	1	2	2,856	3,202
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	2	2	5,055	4,133	0	0	566	201
Tomatoes incl paste & sauce (MT)	126	189	71,852	161,758	11	8	6,026	7,376
Waterchestnuts (MT)	34	31	25,684	24,082	3	3	2,043	1,957
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	43	61	20,027	34,079	4	4	2,155	2,553
Other vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	--	--	436,917	497,737	--	--	37,179	39,300
Sugar and related products (MT)	2,433	7,089	625,123	949,017	228	650	62,611	63,097
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,078	1,630	371,532	620,442	108	106	39,246	34,972
Molasses - inedible (MT)	960	5,088	71,247	60,689	90	517	8,331	3,004
Confectionery products (MT)	40	86	62,495	146,080	3	11	4,915	16,966
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	355	286	119,850	121,806	28	17	10,119	8,156
Spices (MT)	22	20	31,219	37,651	1	1	1,457	1,373
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	217	169	610,806	520,582	20	12	59,314	36,400
Tobacco - filler (MT)	182	152	569,972	500,991	18	11	57,057	35,505
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	14	15	17,731	7,321	1	1	872	291
Other tobacco (MT)	21	3	23,102	12,270	1	0	1,384	603
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	15,583	13,967	2,008,473	1,814,854	1,294	1,058	161,703	148,813
Wine (HL)	3,026	2,791	976,281	896,250	231	216	74,734	79,316
Malt beverages (HL)	11,315	10,312	940,371	854,697	962	789	80,091	65,600
Other beverages (HL)	1,243	864	91,820	63,907	100	52	6,878	3,898
Oilseeds & products (MT)	1,772	1,917	838,175	945,573	168	141	83,909	65,284
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	208	424	71,445	159,395	21	37	7,708	13,335
Flaxseed (MT)	73	173	15,898	58,002	11	18	3,920	5,422
Sesameseed (MT)	38	39	27,635	36,031	2	2	1,815	2,766
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	97	212	27,912	65,362	7	16	1,974	5,147
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,311	1,133	724,702	720,930	125	73	71,731	46,535
Castor oil (MT)	27	36	24,965	33,297	0	0	358	161
Coconut oil (MT)	487	353	231,301	175,748	28	29	14,703	14,989
Olive oil (MT)	68	85	123,191	151,622	6	4	9,885	7,863
Palm oil (MT)	187	135	59,989	53,931	25	8	10,717	2,635
Palm kernel oil (MT)	210	174	103,196	94,201	23	13	12,167	7,078
Other oils & waxes-veg. (MT)	331	350	182,059	212,131	43	19	23,900	13,808
Oilcake & meal (MT)	253	359	42,028	65,247	23	32	4,470	5,414
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	0	1	482	3,402	0	0	28	31
Cotton linters (MT)	35	12	8,362	4,478	2	1	449	928
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	143	158	153,009	187,370	6	4	10,540	12,598
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	273,439	302,027	--	--	21,812	23,813
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	145,192	163,949	--	--	29,550	25,982
Other vegetable products (MT)	14	33	36,376	114,689	1	4	4,402	10,308
Selected non-agric. imports (NA)	--	--	9,074,277	9,879,793	--	--	638,301	725,938
Fertilizers (MT)	15,530	42,318	1,385,468	1,653,160	1,154	1,036	103,599	104,675
Potassium (MT)	6,918	6,579	615,347	586,333	473	526	41,504	45,513
Nitrogen (MT)	7,089	32,191	598,226	746,683	629	199	53,207	36,398
Phosphate (MT)	799	3,349	57,904	287,951	9	309	1,320	22,460
Mixed or organic fertilizers (MT)	724	155	113,991	25,125	44	0	7,569	0
Fish and shellfish (MT)	37,980	17,063	4,863,139	5,287,813	3,903	126	357,476	415,933
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	747	959	2,036,701	2,545,726	57	83	143,997	219,020
Shellfish (MT)	337	350	2,699,406	2,668,116	27	25	200,641	189,280
Fish products, other (MT)	36,897	15,754	127,032	73,972	3,818	18	12,838	7,633
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	77	75	418,677	411,376	1	6	5,687	21,266
Fungicides (MT)	7	14	46,700	52,836	0	1	2,161	2,729
Herbicides (MT)	38	15	196,920	129,232	1	0	3,297	1,968
Insecticides (MT)	15	2	108,386	30,634	0	0	230	3,300
Other pesticides (MT)	18	44	66,672	198,673	0	5	0	13,270
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	2,326,784	2,438,618	--	--	164,618	175,797
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	115	1,109	1,227,135	1,110,821	7	114	84,729	87,780
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	1,099,649	1,327,798	--	--	79,889	88,017
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	80,208	88,825	--	--	6,920	8,267

September data are preliminary. Zeros in quantity columns denote none or less than 500 units. -- = Not available.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	July	Aug	Sept	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports	2,965	2,767	3,011	39,651	12.1
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,858	2,026	1,751	23,849	3.4
Imports (Customs val.)	1,695	1,818	1,560	21,479	2.2
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus c.i.f. imports	1,107	741	1,260	15,802	28.2
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,270	949	1,451	18,172	26.5
Preliminary data.					

Table 4--Export Enhancement Program Sales, 1988-89

Commodity	Fiscal 1988	Fiscal 1989	Percent Change
Total value (\$Mil.)	3,271	2,784	-14.9
-- Thousand tons --			
Wheat	26,296	15,869	-39.7
Flour (gr. equiv.)	442	672	52.0
Rice	120	20	-83.3
Barley	1,701	529	-68.9
Barley malt (gr. eq)	72	6	-91.7
Grain sorghum	213	0	-100.0
Poultry feed	78	8	-89.7
Vegetable oils	357	105	-70.6
Poultry, frozen	13	8	-38.5
Eggs, (1,000 doz.)	10,750	4,202	-60.9
Cattle (1,000 hd.)	12	0	-100.0

Source: Derived from "World Agricultural Production" and "Export Enhancement Initiatives", published by Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	July	Aug	Sept	FY to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	2,965	2,767	3,011	39,651	12.1
Live animals	23	30	73	555	3.6
Meat & prep.	247	245	215	2,869	29.2
Dairy prod & eggs	48	47	51	576	-10.8
Animal fats	38	35	55	531	-2.5
Hides & skins	149	138	127	1,713	-6.7
Wheat	584	558	653	6,005	34.4
Rice	93	58	92	955	30.6
Corn	404	308	310	6,107	41.3
Other feed grains	96	88	120	1,141	44.0
Animal feeds	157	199	177	3,165	-1.8
Soybeans	123	132	119	4,079	-19.5
Vegetable oils	73	92	112	908	-5.6
Horticul. prods.	348	382	365	4,400	8.4
Cotton & linters	290	166	170	2,059	-4.2
Tobacco, unmfgr.	48	58	71	1,274	-1.8

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	July	Aug	Sept	FY to date	Change from prev. year
					Percent
Total	1,695	1,818	1,560	21,479	2.2
Live animals	24	54	48	755	2.4
Meat & prep.	211	217	180	2,448	-12.6
Dairy prod, eggs	82	79	77	860	-4.0
Grains & feeds	90	107	98	1,139	31.2
Fruits & nuts	213	205	191	3,062	4.3
Vegetables	124	131	116	1,959	23.0
Vegetable oils	52	60	47	721	-0.5
Wine	63	70	79	896	-8.2
Malt beverages	85	93	66	855	-9.1
Coffee	234	236	212	2,467	-5.1
Cocoa	62	90	73	969	-16.7
Rubber, natural	83	67	63	1,051	10.8
Sugar	72	94	35	620	67.0
Tobacco, unmfgr.	66	57	36	521	-14.8
Seeds, flowers	35	58	62	653	14.3

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